

ALDERMEN AGAIN HOLD UP TUNNEL

McCall, Tammany Leader in the Board, Pleads for Public Hearings—Franchise Is Referred to Railroad Committee.

LABOR QUESTION UP AGAIN.

Members Urged to Ask the Mechanic What They Think of the Proposed Franchise in Its Present Form—Nov. 26 Set for Hearings.

The granting of the Pennsylvania Railroad tunnel franchise was once more delayed to-day by the meeting of the Board of Aldermen. The matter came up in the reading of a communication from the Rapid Transit Commission advocating the granting of the franchise.

"I wish this Board to take note," said Alderman McCall, "that at ten minutes past 1 o'clock on the afternoon of Nov. 18 the matter of the Pennsylvania Railroad tunnel was presented to this body. In the last few months the charge has been spread broadcast through the newspapers and other mediums that this Board has held up the tunnel franchise. Such accusations are unfounded and unfair. I am not prepared to state my attitude in this matter, but I do suggest one week's delay. I hope that before this Board takes final action on this important matter it will ascertain through its individual members the tenor of the public mind with reference to the granting of this franchise. Go among your constituents—the voters who sent you to this body to represent them—and ascertain from them how they regard this big tunnel franchise in its present form."

"Ask the laboring man, the mechanic, if he likes it. Then come back to this Board and vote on this franchise as your conscience dictates. I make this appeal not only to the Democrats of this Board who have honored me by calling me their leader, but to our Republican friends on the other side of the hall. I make similar appeal. I move that the matter of the Pennsylvania Railroad tunnel franchise be referred to the Railroad Committee and that public hearings on the granting of the tunnel be held."

Alderman "Tim" Sullivan, in seconding the motion, suggested that the report of the conference committee, which had attended the meetings of the Rapid Transit Commission be also referred to the Railroad Committee. The motion was carried.

The Railroad Committee decided to hold its first public hearing in the City Hall at 2 o'clock on Nov. 26. Leading representatives of labor will be present. The Aldermen will, to protest against the granting of the franchise unless the wage scale and hour clause are included.

DOWNING PROTESTS AGAINST APPLAUSE

Voluble Alderman, Cheered When He Rises, Says He Won't Stand It." (More Applause.)

Alderman Downing, of Brooklyn, is not the champion speaker of the Board, but he has the record of being able to talk longer without taking breath than any other member. In this respect he is a champion, and whenever he arises to address the chair he is greeted with a storm of applause. He doesn't like it. He declared himself today at the meeting.

"I think it's about time this thing was stopped," he exclaimed to-day, wheeling around and facing the aldermen and the press. "You fellows wouldn't like to be treated that way yourselves. Every time I get up to speak, you clap your hands. When I sit down you applaud. When I make a mistake you make a noise. Now, I've stood it long enough."

The Alderman will address the Chair. "I'm addressing the Chair and all hands as well. I want this thing stopped." The Alderman grew red in the face. "I won't let you make me appear in the eyes of the community as a clown here for your amusement. This is no open house. I have no more of it or there will be trouble."

As the Alderman sat down a storm of applause greeted his concluding remarks. He jumped again to his feet, but the applause drowned his remarks. "I don't want to be treated that way," he said. "I don't want to be treated that way."

\$1,800,000 TO WIDEN ONE STREET

Plan Proposed to Relieve the Congestion of Traffic at the Brooklyn End of the Bridge.

Chief Engineer George W. Pillion, of the Brooklyn Bureau of Highways, has reported to Commissioner of Public Works W. C. Redfield a scheme for relieving the great congestion of cars on Manhattan street occasioned by bridge traffic, which will involve the demolition of a number of houses on Livingston street and cost \$1,800,000.

Pillion proposes to widen Livingston street from five to one hundred feet. The widening will necessitate the knocking off of forty feet of the front of the houses on the east side of the street. He reports that from a careful study of conditions he has reached the conclusion that this is the most feasible way of relieving the great congestion of traffic on Manhattan street.

GIRLS BREAK NO LAW IN SMOKING

Venerable Magistrate Hogan Discharges a Sextet of Pretty Maidens Arrested for Puffing Cigarettes.

REPROVES THE DETECTIVES.

If They Want to Do So, They May Pull on the Biggest and Blackest Cigar They Can Find, He Declares.

"Smoking cigarettes is not disorderly conduct in a young woman. I want you to understand that this is a free country and that ladies can smoke the biggest and rankest black cigars if they so desire."

Such was the legal decision handed down from the bench in the West Side Court to-day by Magistrate Hogan when six exceedingly pretty young women were arraigned before him charged by Detectives Hallahan and Foubel, of the Twentieth Precinct, with smoking cigarettes.

It appeared from the evidence that the two maidens of the law were passing No. 28 West Fortieth street shortly after 11 o'clock last night when their highly trained olfactory nerves detected the scent of the baneful cigarette.

"Halt, I'm on the scent!"

"Halt," said Hallahan in a hoarse whisper, "I'm on the scent." The two maidens stopped and tiptoed around in a circle until the keen eyes of Foubel caught the glimmer of a pair of white shoulders at the second-story window of No. 208. Raising his forefinger to his lips he again "hissed" and the two maidens backed off until their sweeping vision was rewarded with the shocking sight of a beautiful young woman reclining in a Morris chair and luxuriously sipping from a smoke through a pair of cherry-red lips.

"Caught red-handed," gurgled Hallahan in a hoarse and husky whisper, and then suddenly jerking the chair forward he burst out: "Come, we will make a pinch."

Thereupon the two of the silent-tread invaded the premises of No. 208 and broke in upon a sextet of pretty maidens engaged in a cigarette orgy. Tears and entreaties were of no avail, so there was nothing left for the distressed maidens but to surrender to the all-enforcing arm of the law.

Justice's Tender Spot.

As they—the sextet—lined up before Magistrate Hogan this morning, red-eyed and hysterical from a long night of weeping in a cold and gloomy cell, it was evident to the young Justice as he looked at the pretty girls, for the corners of his lips drew down and his eyebrows went up in a sinister scowl. "Why are these young women here?" he thundered at the two detectives, who stood at either end of their line of prisoners with chests rounded out from pride at their capture.

"Your Honor," replied the detectives in chorus, "we caught them in the very act of smoking cigarettes."

For a few minutes the lightning flashed from the Magistrate's eyes, and then in a voice of thunder he delivered the above decision, capping it with the magical word "Discharged."

READING RAISES WAGES.

General Adjustment Announced by the Company.

PHILADELPHIA, Nov. 18.—The following circular letter was issued to-day by the Philadelphia and Reading Railway with reference to the increase of the wages of employees:

"Taking effect Nov. 1, 1902, the wages of all employees will be equalized with those paid by railway companies in this vicinity."

The increase will not take the form of a 10 per cent. advance all around, as was the case of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company. The reason, it is said, that many leading employees are receiving higher salaries than those paid by the Pennsylvania and other roads in this section.

A GOOD SAMARITAN

Being Helped Himself Wishes to Help Others.

The papers were never so filled with advertisements of remedies that will cure every known disease as they are to-day. These are invariably accompanied by letters from people testifying in the strongest terms to the virtue and merit of the particular preparation advertised; but because so much is claimed for the medicine, it has come to the point where most readers regard such testimonials as pure "fakes" and made up of whole cloth.

We are glad, however, to vouch for the reliability of the following from Mr. Wm. Lichtenwalter, proprietor of the largest printing house in Canton, Ohio, regarding the Pyramid Pile Cure, for which nothing is claimed except that it will cure any and every form of Piles.

"For several months past I have received so many inquiries from sufferers asking if my testimonial is authentic that I am inclined to send in a bill to you for postage and stationery."

"It is now two years since I was last troubled, and my rectum is as clear and clean as any man who never had piles, although I suffered with protruding, bleeding and internal piles for twenty-seven years. I will not attempt to detail the agony I suffered, being too happy to say I believe I am cured after two years of evidence."

"What will cure one man will sometimes cure another; whether it was the Pyramid Pile Cure that cured me I cannot say, but I have been free from piles for two years after using your treatment. I leave sufferers to draw their own conclusions."

"I will answer any communication that a sufferer may desire, and I will send him a business house, bank or manufacturer of Canton, Ohio, concerning my identity, should he wish to have lived for forty-eight years."

Pyramid Pile Cure is sold by druggists for fifty cents a package, or will be sent by mail on receipt of price. Drop this firm a card asking for their little book describing the cause and cure of piles.

FAIR PUPIL SUES DANCING MASTER

Pretty Annie Dretson Says that in the Waltz's Whirl Prof. Bender Won Her Heart and Her \$300.

THEN BASELY DESERTED HER

Now He Trips the Light, Fantastic Toe in Ludlow Street Jail and She Brings an Action for \$25,000 Damages.

Prof. Joseph Bender, No. 233 Broome street, who teaches dancing at Bender's Academy, No. 245 Grand street, is now home, in Ludlow Street Jail, just off the east side Blaito, to-day.

He was landed there by a Sheriff's deputy on an order of arrest signed by Justice Hall, of the Supreme Court, at the request of one of his prettiest and most accomplished tertiorecane pupils, Miss Annie Dretson, who says she "professed" made love to her, promised to marry her, borrowed \$300 and then "shook her for another girl."

At nineteen, Annie declares all her chances of getting a good husband are destroyed, and she demands \$25,000 damages from the fickle professor, in a suit brought before Justice Hall.

She says in her affidavit that she began attending Bender's Academy in September, 1900. The professor complimented her for her aptness on her little toes, and by May they were solidly engaged and the engagement announced. She says he had it and loaned it to him. She hadn't any more in the bank, and on Nov. 8, she says, Joseph Bender told her it was all off, and that he loved another better.

Mrs. Beckie Dretson, Annie's mamma, corroborated all this. Annie sued for \$25,000 for breach of promise, and Prof. Bender was arrested, and for lack of \$1,000 bail, went to jail just around the corner from his famous dancing academy, where the wealth and fashion of "de Ade" District have been wont to gather.

CORNELL CLUB IN LONDON.

LONDON, Nov. 18.—Cornell's entry of a crew for the Henley Regatta has inspired the organization of the Cornell Club of London. Seventy-five former students of Cornell University have joined. They are mostly electrical or mechanical engineers, employed by Charles T. Yerkes and the new electrical establishments here.



Mrs. Tupman, a prominent lady of Richmond, Va., a great sufferer with woman's troubles, tells of her cure by Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound.

"DEAR MRS. PINKHAM:—For some years I suffered with backache, severe bearing-down pains, leucorrhoea and falling of the womb. I tried many remedies, but nothing gave any positive relief."

"I commenced taking Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound in June, 1901. When I had taken the first half bottle I felt a vast improvement, and have now taken ten bottles, with the result that I feel like a new woman. When I commenced taking the Vegetable Compound I felt all worn out and was fast approaching complete nervous collapse. I weighed only 98 pounds. Now I weigh 109½ pounds and am improving every day. I gladly testify to the benefits received."—MRS. R. C. TUPMAN, 423 West 20th St., Richmond, Va.

When a medicine has been successful in more than a million cases, is it justice to yourself to say, without trying it, "I do not believe it would help me?"

"Surely you cannot wish to remain weak and sick and discouraged, exhausted with each day's work. You have some derangement of the feminine organism, and Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound will help you just as surely as it has others."

Mrs. W. H. Pelham, Jr., 108 E. Baker St., Richmond, Va., says: "DEAR MRS. PINKHAM:—I must say that I do not believe there is any female medicine to compare with Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound, and I return to you my heartfelt thanks for what your medicine has done for me. Before taking the Vegetable Compound I was so badly off that I thought I could not live much longer. The little work I had to do was a burden to me. I suffered with irregular menstruation and leucorrhoea, which caused an irritation of the parts. I looked like one who had consumption, but I do not look like that now, and I owe it all to your wonderful medicine."

"I took only six bottles, but it has made me feel like a new person. I thank God that there is such a female helper as you."

Be it therefore believed by all women who are ill that Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound is the medicine they should take. It has stood the test of time, and it has hundreds of thousands of cures to its credit. Women should consider it unwise to use any other medicine."

Mrs. Pinkham, whose address is Lynn, Mass., will answer cheerfully and without cost all letters addressed to her by sick women. Perhaps she has just the knowledge that will help your case—try her to-day—it costs nothing.

FORGET IT we cannot forthwith produce the original letters and signatures of above testimonials, which will prove their absolute genuineness. Lydia E. Pinkham Medicine Co., Lynn, Mass.

\$5000

WHAT HAPPENED PRETTY MAMIE?

Girl of Sixteen Disappears from Her Brooklyn Home and Mother Gets Strange Message.

GIVES HINT OF VIOLENCE.

No Trace of Her Movements Known Since She Went Out to Deliver Some Work on Which She Had Been Employed.

The police of the Liberty avenue station, in Brooklyn, have a puzzling mystery on their hands in the disappearance of Mamie Merz, of No. 181 Schenck avenue. She has dropped completely out of sight, and a note delivered to her widowed mother by a messenger last night only serves to deepen the mystery.

This note reads as follows: "Let her mother know that her daughter was dragged through Vesta avenue by three negroes."

The Merz girl is eighteen years old and pretty. She was employed by John H. Trippier, an aged maker of firemen's shirts, as a seamstress. Trippier boarded and has his workshop in the house of Mrs. Hanson at No. 158 Bergen street. He solicited orders for the shirts in fire-houses, the girl made and delivered them.

She started out at 6 o'clock yesterday evening with a bundle containing three shirts to be delivered. About two hours later a boy living across the street from the residence of Mrs. Hanson was approached by a man carrying a bundle. The stranger asked the boy to deliver the bundle to Mrs. Hanson.

When opened the bundle was found to contain one of the shirts the girl had been sent out to deliver and the note. Search was made for the stranger, but he had disappeared. It has been learned that the girl delivered two of the shirts, but nothing can be learned of her movements after she left the second fire-house.

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DIOPHES, BEHOLD!

AN HONEST "COP."

Boehm, on Force but Two Weeks, Turned in Pocketbook to the Sergeant Unopened.

Old Diophes in search of an honest man, will please apply to the West One Hundredth street police station and ask for Policeman Leopold Boehm.

Calmly, without the least mental perturbation and apparently with no conscientious compunctions, Boehm presented himself before Desk Sergeant "Andy" Devery, brother of "Big Bill," this morning and with much solemnity placed a pocketbook upon the desk.

"I found that on Amsterdam avenue," he said without a quiver in his voice, "I haven't opened it and don't know what it contains."

Calling several policemen of the reserve as witnesses, Devery opened the purse, and after diligent search of its recesses he tabulated the contents as: "Two one-cent pieces and one brass breastpin."

Notice was at once sent to headquarters and eighty-one police stations were telephoned concerning the find. But Boehm has been on the force only two weeks.

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